



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025  
 Time: 2:00- 4:15 PM  
 Location: Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A  
 Attendees: Board Members, General Public  
 Type of Meeting: General

**I. Organizational Items:**

- **Land Acknowledgment:** With Great respect, Cal State LA acknowledges the Tongva people as the traditional caretaker of Tovaangar (TOE-van-gar) – the Tongva world, including the Los Angeles Basin, South Channel Islands, Sand Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and portions of Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. Cal State LA is located within these lands. As an institution located on unceded Tongva land, we pay our respects to the ancestors, elders, and our relatives/relations, past, present, and Emerging. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university’s relationship to Native peoples. By offering this land Acknowledgment, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Cal State LA more accountable to the needs of American Indian Peoples.
- **Call to order by: Yahir Flores, ASI President @ 2:02 pm**
- **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Present
Leslie Vega	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Alonso Villanueva Serrano	Vice President for Finance	Present
Arwa Mohamed Hammad	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Daniel Ruiz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
VACANT	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	N/A
Valerie Urrutia	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Victoria Gragasín Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	N/A
Ananya Sharma	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
VACANT	Civic Engagement Officer	N/A
Briana Goytizolo	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martínez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
Ashley Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

➤ **Adoption of the Agenda**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to approve Agenda for Thursday, March 6, 2025. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Briana Goytizolo	Seconded by:	Victoria Montoya			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, February 20, 2025. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**II. Public Forum**

- We will now move on to Public Comment. This time is allotted for the public to bring up comments or concerns of interest to the board. Please be advised that due to a set agenda, the board will not address the items brought up at this time but will note them down for the Executive Committee’s review and action. If members of the public would like to be followed up with directly, please provide your contact information through the QR code on the door or through the form provided on the ASI website meeting agenda. We will now call on members of the public in order of registration before moving on to the public.
  - President of SURGE read off their call to action and came to demand a statement from ASI to support undocumented students.

**III. Informational Items**

- **Academic Advising**
  - Director Andrea gives a presentation.
  - Arwa asked if roadmaps would be incorporated in advising session with students and if there will be any incentives offered for the survey.
  - Director clarified that roadmaps are faculty based and advisors do not have jurisdiction to dictate if a certain course structure is available. In addition, she will be trying to get P cards as an incentive for the survey.
  - Diana asked if they will provide faculty with training.
  - Director clarified that faculty train faculty and that it isn't the advising's area.
  - Diana asked if this only applied to undergraduate students.
  - Director clarified that faculty oversee graduate student advising.
  - Alonso asked which students would get what survey.
  - Director clarified that seniors get the senior exit survey and that this survey will be for other undergraduates.
  - Amanda mentions that ASI would like to donate 20 AMC ticket bundles.
  - Blanca asked how they will disseminate the results of the survey.
  - Director shared that it would share on the advisor forum.
  - Victoria asked if there are any statistics on undeclared students.
  - Director shared that the survey will be sent to them and they also have current data on those students.
- **2025-2026 Budget Updates – Revenue**
  - Dena gives updates on the budget – at next week’s Finance meeting we will be having the first read on the budget and we will spend time on the revenue section and give the history about the ASI fee.
- **ASI Partnership with Eddie Eats program**
  - Amanda goes over the Eddie eats collaboration. ASI donated 40 lockers to Basic Needs, and this will allow students who cannot make the Food Pantry hours to grab a bag of non-perishable foods from one of the lockers.

**IV. Action Items**

- **Allocation of Endowment for leadership symposium**
  - Barnaby goes over the allocation endowment
  - Anaya asked about the original scholarship distribution and if there was any support for grad students
  - Barnaby clarified that with the change, rather than supporting only 3 students, it will engage leadership conversations with up to 200 students.
  - Ananya asked how it will be promoted/ how can students register.
  - Barnaby clarified it would be open to the entire school; we may be limited based on space (i.e. Room capacity), but it would be like any open programs.
  - Diana asked are we eliminating the scholarships.

- Barnaby mentioned that yes, they will be replaced with a leadership conference.
- Cindy asked if it would apply this year.
- Dena mentioned that it could be used this semester, but it would be more of a time framing student.
- Alonso asked if it is continuous.
- Barnaby clarified that yes it would kick out 2,000 dollars every year.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Valerie Urrutia			
Motion to approve the Allocation of Endowment for Leadership symposium Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

## V. Discussion Items

- **Cancel HRM portion of MOU with the university**
  - Barnaby goes over MOU.
  - Ananya asked when this would take action.
  - Barnaby said it would take action the next fiscal year.
  - Blanca asked what the termination would entail and if there is any conflict of interest for HR concerns.
  - Barnaby clarified that the University acted as a mediator but has no legal say in the decision, hence the organization is budgeted for an attorney that would provide legal advice and intervention.
  - Yahir asked what the substitute grievance procedures would be.
  - Barnaby clarified as the HR manager, he would find some external advisor/organization to come in and develop a procedure to mediate or AJ would advise what is best to protect the organization.
- **ASI Resolution – Reaffirming ASI’s commitment to supporting undocumented/DACAmented students**
  - Yahir gives updates on the resolution.
- **Adopting Academic Senate Resolution – AS 24-10 Resolution of the Cal State LA Academic senate: reaffirmation of values**
  - Yahir goes over the details for the Academic Senate’s resolution
  - Barnaby asked if we would bring back as an action item to support and approve
  - Yahir clarified yes.

## VI. Reports

- **ASI President: Yahir Flores**
  - Yahir goes over what he has been doing.
- **ASI Chief of Staff: Cindy Nguyen**
  - Cindy shared her updates and who she has met up with.
- **ASI Vice President for Community and Engagement: Leslie Vega**
  - Leslie shares her updates.
- **ASI Vice President for Finance: Alonso Villanueva Serrano**
  - Alonso shares his updates and who he has met with.
- **Asi Vice President of University Affairs: Daniel Ruiz**
  - Daniel shares his updates.
- **ASI Vice President for External Affairs: Arwa Hammad**
  - Arwa shares what she has been doing.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Briana Goytizolo**
  - Briana shares what she has been working on.
- **College Representative of Arts & Letters: Victoria Montoya**
  - Victoria shares her updates.
- **College Representative of B & E: Valerie Urrutia**
  - Valerie shares her updates on what she has been doing and upcoming events.
- **College Representative of Ethnic Studies: Diana Rangel**
  - Diana shares what she has been doing.
- **College Representative of Natural & Social Sciences: Ananya Sharma**

- Ananya shares what she has been working on.
- **Executive Director: Barnaby Peake**
  - Barnaby talks about elections and other things coming up.
- **Dean of Students: Blanca Martinez-Navarro**
  - Blanca shares about wildfire distributions and other things.

**VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Valerie Urrutia			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 3:48 PM.						
Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**CERTIFICATION**

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on March 6, 2025, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Director on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Prepared by:

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Kaina Orozco - Recording Secretary

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Cindy Nguyen - Chief of Staff